

DEMOCRATIC GUNS ARE NOW BOOMING

The Campaign Is Opening Up
In Earnest.

AFFAIRS AT ESOPUS, N. Y.

Effort Will Be Made To Get Judge Parker to Begin His Active Campaign in the Middle West Soon After Notification Ceremonies.

Esopus, N. Y., July 20.—Esopus took on a new atmosphere today with the arrival of the first train bringing New York newspapers. The conference of New York Democrats held last night at the Hoffman house was the subject of the keenest interest to the villagers, who hitherto have been content in the knowledge of Judge Parker's nomination, without bothering about any of the details or gossip connected with his campaign. The judge himself showed an interest beyond his usual calm and at breakfast read the newspaper accounts of the conference with close attention, but, as usual, without any comment which could reach the newspaper men.

A report is current that there will be an effort to get Judge Parker to begin his active campaign in the middle west with a speech at Chicago, soon after the notification ceremonies. It is understood that Mayor Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago, is anxious not only to have the first big gun of the campaign fired in Chicago, but to have Judge Parker and William J. Bryan on the platform together upon that occasion. Of course nothing definite on that subject can be learned here, for Judge Parker absolutely refuses to discuss any of his plans subsequent to his notification.

So far as the notification itself is concerned, it will be held at Rosemont. Judge Parker intends to remain here throughout the campaign, save, perhaps, for two or three weeks' absence to make speeches in large cities, such as Chicago, Philadelphia and New York, and possibly Boston.

It was a cloudless, very warm day at Esopus. The judge began his part of it in the river, as usual, then, after the morning newspapers, he took up his voluminous mail.

When Mr. Davis comes to Esopus, tomorrow, he probably will be accompanied by Senator Gorman. It was announced at Rosemont today that Judge Parker had sent the senator an invitation to come with Mr. Davis. Whether or not the senator's visit will have any bearing upon the selection of a chairman of the national committee could not be learned. However, it is said that the question of national chairman is still open and will not be finally settled for some days.

Today's information seems to give added force to the impression that Judge Parker will not resign his position in the court of appeals until after the formal notification of his nomination. This would delay the resignation until after Aug. 8, and thus prevent the election of his successor as judge in November. In the event Governor Odell would have the designation of a judge to fill the vacancy. The present court of appeals proper consists of three Democrats and four Republicans. Judge Parker's mail today, while very large, was devoid of features of peculiar interest, excepting that two proud fathers, one in Georgia and one in Indiana, sent word that their new born sons had been named after the judge.

He spent the entire morning in his library and did not go to ride. He refused to discuss the New York conference of last night or any other political question. The reporters and telegraph operators moved into their new quarters in the lodge today.

Chicago, July 20.—"It is true that we are to have a meeting in Chicago on Aug. 20," said Mayor Harrison today after reading the Associated Press dispatch from Esopus relative to the opening of the Democratic campaign.

"We intend to invite Judge Parker to be one of the speakers. The celebration was originally set for last Saturday, July 16, but we changed the date when we found it would occur before Mr. Parker and Mr. Davis had received their official notifications. We have already invited Mr. Bryan, ex-Senator Towne and Champ Clarke. They have practically accepted and we are counting on Judge Parker."

Meat Famine Probable.

Columbus, Ga., July 20.—Unless the big packers' strike is settled there may be a meat famine in Columbus. The price of pork products has already advanced here. Just before the strike began several carloads of beef were received but the supply will not last long.

Greensville, Ga., July 20.—In Hall superior court Judge Russell, of the western circuit, presiding, the sale of the Gainesville, Jefferson and Southern railway to a syndicate headed by George J. Baldwin, of Savannah, and 10 miles of the same road to the Georgia railroad, was confirmed. "This ends the seven years' litigation over the road and puts the property in the hands of the new purchasers."

REGARDED AS GRAVE STATE OF AFFAIRS

Seizures of British Vessels In
the Red Sea.

MAY LEAD TO SOME TROUBLE.

In Official Circles Strong Comment Is Made In Regard to Russia's Policy in Detaining Mail Ships of Other Nations Traversing the Red Sea.

London, July 20.—In British official circles the recent seizures and overhauling of British ships in the Red sea by the Russian volunteer fleet steamers Smolensk and St. Petersburg, are regarded as very grave international incidents. The seizure of the Peninsular and Oriental steamer Malacca by the St. Petersburg and her arrival in the Suez canal as a prize of war on her way to Libau, on the Baltic has come as a climax and the cabinet today is considering the course to pursue.

The British law officers acknowledge the right of the Russians to seize and detain mails provided that only official communications are taken, but they take the most serious view of the status of the two Russian ships patrolling the Red sea, and if any official action or protest ensues, it will be chiefly in regard to the passage of these erstwhile merchant ships through the Dardanelles and their subsequent transformation into ships of war.

In official circles strong comment is made in regard to Russia's policy in this matter. It is regarded as impossible that the commanders of the Smolensk and St. Petersburg were given full power, and the officials therefore are inclined to the grave conclusion that the Russian government gave implicit instructions to the two commanders. The effect on the exchange today was seen in a heavy fall in consols and other gilt-edged securities on fears of international complications. The dangers and difficulties of the situation are much commented upon in the newspapers which are practically unanimous in denouncing the "dubious and irregular character" of the volunteer fleet vessels.

"If the actions are proved as we believe to be those of vulgar filibusters," says the St. Petersburg Gazette, "they must be recalled by Russia or the skull and cross bones must be run up and they will be fired upon whenever sighted."

Another element adding to the dangers of the situation is the attitude Japan may assume. The Pall Mall Gazette points out that if, as stated in a dispatch from Constantinople, the Russian guardship Chernomoretz traversed the straits fully armed, "it would seem to justify Japan in regarding Turkey as an ally of Russia and invoking the terms of the Anglo-Japanese treaty."

TRIENNIAL REVIEW.

Ladies of the Maccabees Assemble at
Detroit, Mich.

Detroit, Mich., July 20.—Seventy-five delegates, representing 150,000 women in all parts of the country, were in attendance today when the triennial review of the supreme hive, Ladies of the Maccabees of the World, was called to order.

Readjustment of the rates of the order is the most important business that will come before them during their three days' sessions. After welcoming addresses and responses Mrs. Lillian M. Hollister, of Detroit, the supreme commander, made her report, saying in conclusion:

"We have at the present time in our emergency fund \$338,783, behind the certificates of our members which would be approximately \$7 per member. Our commission on rates will show the exact amount to be collected, if the society desires to furnish full life protection."

Mrs. Hollister reported that the per capita cost of expense of management of the order was the lowest in the history of the order during the past term.

Miss Bina M. West, the supreme record keeper, in her report, said: "Beginning the term which ended December 31, 1903, with 84,657 members, we added during its three years over 88,000 new members."

"Our emergency fund has grown to \$338,783. Our total of certificates in force has increased to \$99,881,443. We stand first among the women's orders of the world. The total number of death claims paid during the term was 1,553, and the amount paid out to beneficiaries was \$1,438,439."

Chicago, July 20.—Udnunki, the ancient Adab, perhaps the oldest city in the world, has been discovered by the University of Chicago's excavating expedition in Babylonia.

This city has for many years been the object of search by Orientalists. It is mentioned in the code of Hammurabi, an early king of Babylonia, which document was translated recently by Professor Robert F. Harper, director of the expedition.

EASTERN WAR STILL QUITE SANGUINARY

Japanese and Russians Engage
In Bloody Contests.

BATTLE OF MAO TIEN PASS.

Russians In Fight Sustain Loss of 2,000, While the Japanese Casualties Are Estimated at Only 300—Efficiency of the Japanese Infantry.

General Kuroki's Headquarters, Via Fusan, July 18.—(Delayed in Transmission.)—More Russian troops were engaged in yesterday's battle at Mao Tien pass than in previous engagements. There were probably double the number of those which took part in the fight at the Yalu river, while opposed to them were only one brigade and one battalion of the Japanese forces. The Russian loss is estimated at 2,000. The burial of the dead continues. The Japanese casualties aggregated 300.

The engagement has conspicuously demonstrated the wonderful efficiency of the Japanese infantry. They proved incomparably the better marksmen with more initiative and they out-fought and outgeneraled the Russians on every point.

St. Petersburg, July 20.—Without discussing in any way the international questions involved the newspapers here are all rejoicing over the exploits of the volunteer fleet steamers in the Red sea. The Novoe Vremya says the work they are doing indicates the wisdom of establishing the fleet, which was begun by national subscription when the country was too impoverished to build the vessels after the Russo-Turkish war. It was the pioneer subsidized line of auxiliary cruisers which most countries have since imitated.

The papers adds that there is plenty of scope for the fleet in European, Atlantic and Pacific waters. By threatening to deprive the Japanese of arms and munitions, it can compel the detachment of part of the Japanese fleet. This is why the appearance of the volunteer fleet in the Red sea is hailed with so much satisfaction.

BRYAN TALKS.

Plan of Continuing Fight for Economic Reform.

Chicago, July 20.—William J. Bryan passed through Chicago today for Central Illinois.

He said that in this week's issue of his paper he would fulfill the promise he made last week in "Outlining a plan of continuing the fight for economic reform within the Democratic party."

Mr. Bryan said: "The election of Judge Parker instead of interfering with these reforms, will open the way for a successful fight by ridding the country of imperialism, by removing the race issue and by substituting the spirit of peaceful progress for the military and warlike spirit engendered by the actions and utterances of President Roosevelt. My statement is intended to encourage the reform element in the Democratic party by showing that the fight, instead of being over, has in reality just begun."

STEAMER SLOCUM DISASTER.

Federal Commission Probing Into
Great Accident at New York.

New York, July 20.—The federal commission which is to probe into the recent steamer Slocum disaster held its first session today.

The committee consists of Chairman Lawrence O. Murray, assistant secretary of the department of labor and commerce, secretary; Herbert Knox Smith, deputy commissioner of corporations and supervising inspector; General George Uhler, appointed by Secretary Cortelyou, and Brigadier General John M. Wilson, U. S. A., and Commander Winslow, U. S. N., appointed by the president at the request of Secretary Cortelyou.

The members of the commission already have been over the course taken by the Slocum on its last trip and have inspected the wreck of the steamer.

Omaha, Neb., July 20.—The packers have given formal notice to the live stock exchange that they are prepared to slaughter 1,500 cattle and 6,000 hogs daily. Packing house managers say that with police protection they can secure and place at work all the men they need. Edward A. Cudahy has made complaint to the board of fire and police of failure of patrolmen to do their duty.

Said Preaching Was Dangerous.

Greenville, S. C., July 20.—Acting under orders of Mayor Mahon, Chief of Police Backnell pulled a holiness meeting which has been going on in this city for several weeks. Complaint was lodged against the exhorters by Dr. Davis Furman, who said that the life of one of his patients was endangered by the shouts and screams that lasted during the greater part of each night.

MAY INVOLVE 14,000 OTHERS.

Butchers' Strike Against Packers Now
Threatens to Extend.

Chicago, July 20.—A final effort to secure a basis for arbitration in the stock yards strike an agreement from the packers that all employees on strike shall be reinstated, within a specified time, was made today by President Donnelly of the butchers' union.

In a letter to J. Ogden Armour, President Donnelly declared that if this concession is not made a sympathetic strike of about 14,000 other workmen at the yards will be called. The packers continue to hire new men to take the places of the strikers. They say they will be able to operate their plants even if the sympathetic strike is called.

Operations at the yards have reached 50 per cent of the normal business in the large packing houses, and the announcement was made that the output in all departments will be increased daily.

The letter of Mr. Armour was signed by President Donnelly, and informed the employers in substance that the butchers have conceded everything possible and that if the packers consider the welfare of the men whom they have hired since the strike began, to be of more importance than that of the strikers, that an appeal for assistance will be made to all union men employed at the yards.

The strike leaders will remain at the Sherman house until a reply is received from the packers. In the event it is unfavorable the firemen and engineers at the yards, it is said, will be first appealed to for a sympathetic strike. These unions, the strike leaders expect, will be followed by those of the coopers, steamfitters and other trades.

WAYLAIED AND ROBBED.

Atlantan Knocked Down In Front of
His Residence.

Atlanta, July 20.—As a result of having been waylaid, stabbed and knocked down when almost in front of his residence, 234 East Hunter street last night, and robbed of \$45, Cicero Thompson, a stone cutter, is in a seriously condition, the services of a physician being necessary to sew up the wounds inflicted.

Thompson was almost at the gate of his residence, when an unknown white man approached and struck him on the head, stabbed him and knocked him to the sidewalk. While Thompson was in a partially unconscious condition the unknown highwayman went through the pockets of his victim and secured \$45, leaving \$100 in bills that were in a coat pocket in a wallet.

Before the robber could complete his work Thompson recovered sufficiently to put up a fight and the unknown man ran down Moore street to the railroad yards, where he was lost in the darkness.

An examination showed that the knife had gone through the clothing of Thompson, and penetrated the abdomen, but not sufficiently to cause a fatal wound.

The matter was reported to the police.

CARPENTERS LOCKED OUT.

Work Tied Up on Many Large New
York Buildings.

New York, July 20.—All carpenters employed by the Master Carpenters' association have been locked out by action of the board of governors of the Building Trades Employers' association. The lockout ties up the carpenter work on every large building in the borough and involves between 5,000 and 6,000 men.

This is the first time since the acceptance several months ago of the arbitration agreement of the building Trades Employers' association that there has been a general lockout of any kind. The carpenters locked out belong to the brotherhood of carpenters and the trouble is owing to the violation of the arbitration agreement by carpenters striking on a contract held by one firm, holding membership in the master carpenters' association.

WHY MILES WITHDREW.

Note From Former Commander-In-
Chief Federal Army.

Chicago, July 20.—John G. Wooley, of this city, has received a letter from General Nelson A. Miles, in which the former commander-in-chief of the federal army explains why he withdrew as a candidate for the Prohibition nomination for president.

General Miles says that when he saw the danger of dissension his name created, he sent word to keep it out, as he could not think of "setting the Prohibition party by the ears."

He declares that if the temperance people of the country could get together they could elect a president and "break off the partnership of the government and saloon."

Lepros Settlement.

San Francisco, July 20.—Hawaii has asked the government through the San Francisco board of health, for funds needed in the work of caring for a large settlement of lepers. The settlement contains 951 native Hawaiians, 34 Chinese, 10 Portuguese, 10 English and Germans, five Americans and four negroes and Malays.

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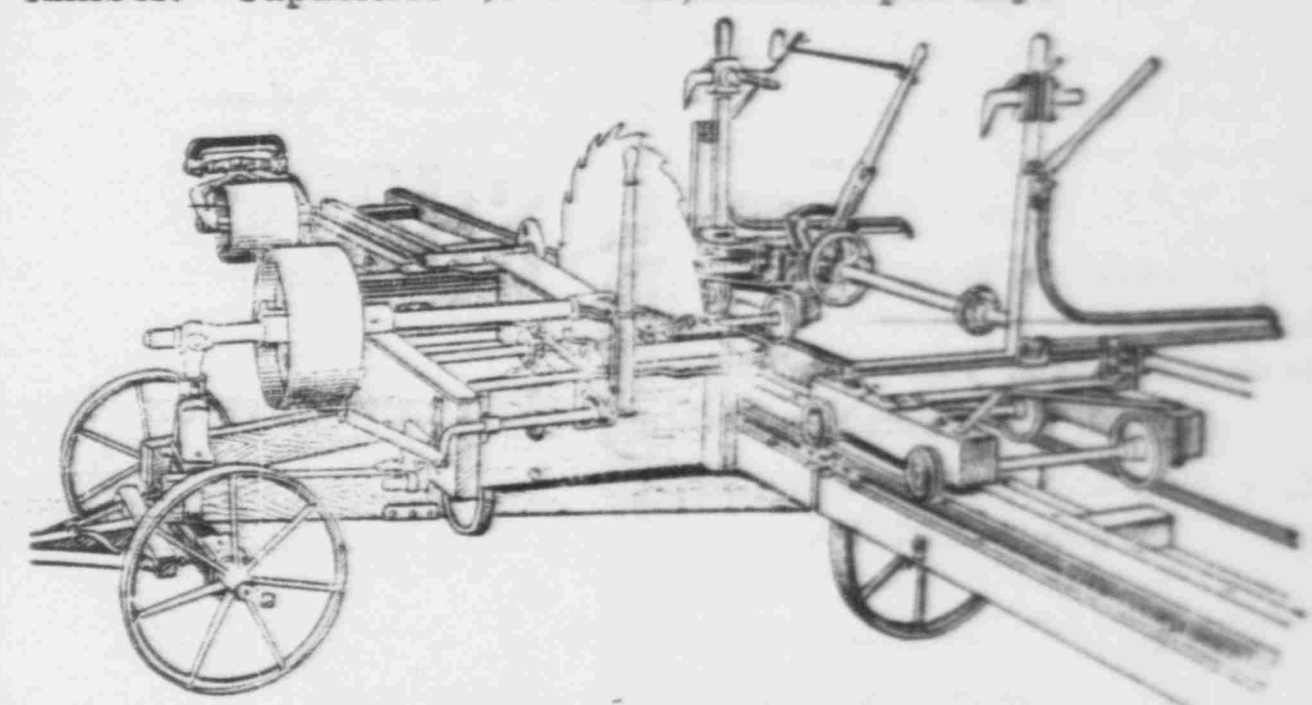
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